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Subject: Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines

1. Purpose: Annual Update of the Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines
2. Substance: The Department of Health and Human Services recently updated the poverty guidelines. The revised guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the criteria set forth in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) in determining low-income status of individuals for WIA programs.

The HHS updated poverty guidelines for Missouri are as follows:

<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>Poverty Guidelines</u>
1	\$ 8,980
2	\$12,120
3	\$15,260
4	\$18,400
5	\$21,540
6	\$24,680
7	\$27,820
8	\$30,960

For family units with more than eight (8) members, add \$3,140 for each additional member.

3. Action: Effective immediately, the revised HHS poverty guidelines contained in this issuance should be used in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor's 70 percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) guidelines, along with criteria for the "low-income individual" to determine eligibility for WIA programs. The 70 percent LLSIL guidelines were issued in DWD Issuance 20-01.

4. Contact: If you have any questions regarding this issuance, please contact Melissa Woltkamp, Manager, Field Services, at (573) 526-8241.
5. Cross/Historical: Federal Register Notice

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